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Detectives Arrest Woman for Recording Commissioner

The Leon County Sheriff's Office has arrested Kathleen H. Harvey, 45, after an investigation revealed she secretly recorded Leon County Commissioner Cliff Thael and another man during a meeting. Detectives began investigating the complaint from Commissioner Thael in early September, after it was discovered that Thael and Walter Dartland had been recorded during the meeting that took place in February of 2009. The meeting took place in Commissioner Thael's office in the Leon County Courthouse. Harvey was meeting with the commissioner and Dartland to complain about a Pre-Trial Officer possibly warning clients of upcoming drug tests.

Harvey and her husband own The Collection Point Inc., which is a company that receives urine samples from clients submitting them for drug or alcohol screenings. Many of the business' clients are referred from Leon County Probation and Pre-Trial Release. Harvey had requested the meeting with Commissioner Thael to discuss starting an investigation against a Pre-Trial Officer for allegedly providing clients with advanced warnings of upcoming drug tests to ensure they would not test positive. During the meeting, neither Commissioner Thael nor Dartland gave Harvey consent to record their conversation.

During the course of this investigation, it was determined that a copy of this recording was provided to Nick Maddox. Maddox is currently seeking election to the County Commissioner's seat occupied by Thael in the general election.

After reviewing the evidence, which includes a complete copy of the recording, detectives presented the case to the State Attorney's Office and obtained an arrest warrant for Harvey.



ARRESTED

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Charge: Interception of Oral Communications

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